

Just 7 More
Business Days Between This
Day and Christmas
They're Going Fast and Wise
People Are Making Hay

DADS WARP UP ON THEIR JOB

And Instruct Village Treasurer
That He Must Do His
Own Bookkeeping.

Overall Company Wants to Buy
Property and Build Ad-
dition to Plant.

Council met in regular session last
Tuesday evening with all members
present, but in the absence of Mayor
Kenney President pro tem, Leonard
accepted the chair.

Following the usual opening routine,
Councilman Winkelman of the
committee appointed several weeks
ago to examine the reports of interest
on village money made by the village
depositories, the First National and
Commercial banks, stated that as far
as the reports were concerned, the
committee found them all right, but
that the Village Treasurer was using
the banks as his bookkeepers, which
didn't look right to the committee.

The reports of the two banks acting
as depositories show the following:

Commercial Bank—
Average credit balance, \$3,827.59
2-10 per cent interest
on same, \$80.37
Average debit balance, 827.50
Four per cent interest
on same, 33.10

Balance of money on in-
terest due village, \$47.27

First National Bank—
Average credit balance, \$3,100.00
2-10 per cent interest
on same, \$65.10
Average debit balance, 950.00
Six per cent interest
on same, 57.00

Balance of money on in-
terest due village, \$8.10

While the fact that the village treasurer
had the banks keep his books was
directly responsible for the small
amount of interest on the village
money, the overdrafts of the
Board of Public Affairs were causing
the trouble, said Mr. Winkelman,
and he believed that something should
be done to change the procedure of this
department in overhauling their fund.

The other members of the council seemed
of the same opinion, and it was sug-
gested that a motion be passed by the
body ordering that the orders of the
Board of Public Affairs pass through
the hands of the Village Clerk, but
when Solicitor Johnson looked the
matter up he found that the law made
the Board of Public Affairs a separate
and distinct department of the city
and in no way under the jurisdiction
of Council.

This changed the line of talk, and the
responsibility was shifted to Treasurer
Geo. Klauer for presenting orders to
the Board of Public Affairs which there
was no money. The Treasurer was
not present, but he was handled roughly,
and the dad wound up by sending
him instructions to get acquainted
with the law and do his own book-
keeping.

On motion of Balesdorfer, seconded
by Schuch, Council however accepted
the reports of the banks, a ques-
tionable procedure, and by doing out
the tax-payers out of something over a
round hundred dollars.

The law provides that the money of
the village be deposited by the Treas-
urer as a whole in the village depositories,
but instead of doing this the
Treasurer deposited the money in the
various village funds and had the
banks keep the funds separate and
the books properly balanced. For
this work the Commercial Bank re-
ceived \$33.10 and the First National
Bank \$7.00.

As several of the funds were over-
drawn and the banks paid their money
on orders presented to them on such
funds, there is hardly a question but
that they are entitled to the interest,
but as to the right of Council to
accept the reports there is a doubt.
The question arises and will not down,
why should the Treasurer be paid for
his duties and two banks of the city
draw \$40.10 for performing this same
service?

Besides this matter and the monthly
reports of the various departments, the
only thing brought to the attention of
Council was the sale of the old Mus-
solin building, now leased to and
used by the New Idea Overall Company.
Councilman Meyer stated that
Mr. Leininger, one of the stockholders
of the company, had approached him
on the question of buying the property,
as they needed more room and de-
sired to erect an addition to the pres-
ent building. The matter was referred
to the building committee to re-
port at next meeting.

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CELINA, OHIO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1910

Weekly—One Dollar per Year

Business Men

We cannot insure you ad-
vertising space in The Democrat
next week unless copy reaches
this office Monday.

Buy Out Competitor and Will Consolidate Plants

The laundry firm of Rhodes & Mc-
Kinnon last Saturday purchased the
Betz laundry on South Main street,
and assumed immediate control. Mr.
Rhodes, while in this office the first
of the week, stated that they would
move their entire plant, now located
on North Cherry street, into their new
acquisition, owing to the facility of
getting soft water. He also said that
it was their intention to greatly remodel
the present building and put in a
cement basement to the place. New
machinery they recently installed will
be used in connection with the new
machinery Mr. Betz had, making
everything new and up-to-date.

Mr. Betz retires from the business
prior to assuming the new duties of
Deputy Sheriff, which will devolve
upon him when sheriff-elect Shell M.
Fisher, takes his office the first of
January.



CHRISTMAS

is indeed the

holiday of humanity and

by that token no less in-

teresting than humanity itself.

The rich current of its observance

has to carry all the be-

quests of other ages—their

ideals, their hopes, their recol-

lections, the beliefs that had

won the right to live, the gra-

acious, joyous customs which

had won the same right by

helping or heartening men, as

well as all that our age can

contribute to it from the mat-

terial, artistic and spiritual

side. The modern feeling has

made a place, as the feeling of

each age is sure to do, for the

mood of carnival as well as

the mood of faith. It can

weave into the fabric of the

holiday time the little spec-

tacles of festive felicity, the af-

fectionate pledges of friends,

the cheer of the loaded family

board or banquet table, the

taper lights and organ music

of cathedrals, the offerings of

music and the drama and all

the noble product of the artist

and the artisan. In a sense

Christmas takes inventory

of itself at this time in each

of its thousand activities.

One of the benefactions of

the holiday is that it gives men

the chance to do this and puts

them in the mood to do it. It

is the last and greatest "truce

of God." The pause it im-

poses is not so much on the

alarm, although the din of con-

flict grows ever feebler the

while the message of "good

will unto men" deepens into

deed and custom, as it is on

the absorptions and distractions

of an age so wrapped up in

its pursuits that it hardly

has time to look about it. At

Christmas time men do look

about them. That its atmos-

phere could make a bad man

out of a good one or a gener-

ous man out of a selfish one is

one of the paradoxes whereof

perhaps we must look to the

genial fiction of Dickens for

complete verification. But it

does make men kinder, more

thoughtful, more serene, than

their wont.

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SPLENDID PROGRAM ARRANGED

For Washington Sunday-School
Convention at Erastus
Next Sunday.

The Washington township Sunday-
school convention will meet next Sun-
day in the M. E. Church at Erastus for
an afternoon and evening session, for
which an interesting program has been
arranged. The officers of the conven-
tion are Harvey J. Fennig, President,
and Maude Spriggs, Secretary. Many
prominent county workers will be in
attendance. The program—
Afternoon session, 1:15—
Song—Congregation
Devotional exercises—Rev. Hein-
richer
Report of Sunday.

Song—Congregation
Address—Mrs. James Ross
Concentration in Sunday-School Work
Address—Prof. James Ross
Address—Rev. L. Rice
Solo—Congregation
Appointment of Committee on
Elections.

Song—Congregation
Dinner—Congregation
Evening session, 7 o'clock—
Song—Congregation
Report of Committee on Elections,
The Organized Sunday-School—B. O. Myers
Solo—Congregation
The Teacher and the Teaching—
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Offering—Song—Benediction.

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